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1. SUMMARY

OSHIMA AND LYON HOSTED WORKING LUNCH APRIL 15 FOR SCIATTS FROM BELGIUM, CANADA, FINLAND, FRANCE, GERMANY, ITALY, JAPAN, SWEDEN, UK AND US. SUBJECT WAS JUNE SCIENCE MINISTERIAL MEETING. (END SUMMARY)

2. IT WAS GENERALLY AGREED THAT FORTHCOMING MEETING SHOULD FOCUS UPON CURRENT PRIORITIES AND NOT UPON AN EXAMINATION OF WHAT CSTP HAD OR HAD NOT ACCOMPLISHED SINCE 1971. SEVERAL GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSED THEIR UNEASINESS AT THE STATE OF PREPARATION AND IT WAS AGREED THAT MEETINGS OF WORKING GROUPS MIGHT BE DESIRABLE IN ADDITION TO THE CSTP MEETING ON MAY 13. IN PARTICULAR A WORKING DINNER WOULD BE SCHEDULED THE EVENING OF MAY 12. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THIS DINNER WOULD BE HOSTED BY JAPANESE AMBASSADOR. IT WAS ALSO UNCLASSIFIED

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FELT THAT A SPECIAL MEETING MIGHT BE NECESSARY ON MAY

14 (WITH PARTICIPATION IN THIS MEETING TO BE DECIDED LATER) TO CONSIDER DRAFT COMMUNIQUE IN ITS MORE OR LESS FINAL FORM. IT WAS ALSO CONSIDERED POSSIBLE THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF ESSENTIALLY THE SAME WORKING GROUP MAY WISH TO MEET THE DAY PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF THE MINISTERS' CONFERENCE IF IMPORTANT PROBLEMS APPEAR TO REMAIN. THIS LATER MEETING COULD INCLUDE SOME MINISTERS THEMSELVES.

THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION ON HOW TO LIMIT INTERVENTIONS. MANY FELT THAT IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT TO ASSIGN TO A SPECIFIC MINISTER THE MAJOR INTERVENTION OF EACH OF THE FIVE OR SIX MAJOR MINISTERIAL TOPICS. OTHERS FELT THAT EACH MINISTER WOULD WISH TO MAKE A MAJOR INTERVENTION FOR PURPOSES OF DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION.

4. NONE OF THE THREE DISCUSSION PAPERS (COPIES OF EACH HAD BEEN PASSED TO HEMILY) RECEIVED ANY DETAILED DISCUSSION. OSHIMA REQUESTED SPECIFIC DETAILS TO BE GIVEN TO SECRETARIAT TO EDIT FOR AN AMENDED DOCUMENT. US COMMENTS AS IN REF TEL WERE PASSED IN WRITTEN FORM TO OSHIMA.

5. FRG KEPT BRINGING UP QUESTION OF CHAIRMANSHIP OF MINISTERIAL TO THE EMBARRASSMENT OF CANADIAN AND FINN. FINALLY DE FLORY (FRANCE) BLUNTLY STATED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAD RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE FINNISH CHAIRMAN BECAUSE HE WAS ONLY 29 YEARS OLD. AT THIS POINT OSHIMA DECIDED TO PLUNGE IN WITH THE STATEMENT THAT MANY DELEGATIONS PREFERRED THAT DRURY FROM CANADA BE CHAIRMAN; LAVER (CANADA) HASTENED TO EXPLAIN THAT DRURY WAS NOT A FORMAL CANDIDATE BUT WOULD BE WILLING TO SERVE IF CIRCUMSTANCES DICTATED. THE FINNISH REPRESENTATIVE REMAINED QUIET. LYON STATED THAT THE QUESTION OF CHAIRMANSHIP WOULD BE TAKEN UP AT HEADS OF DELEGATION MEETING FOLLOWING COUNCIL MEETING MAY 29. HE HOPED THAT THE MATTER WOULD BE RESOLVED AT THAT TIME.

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